Needs, Issues, and Next Steps for PHINS

1. Need to better define uses and users, and data needs (hold individual State user workshops. Use these user needs workshops as an opportunity to populate the inventory of habitat information)

2. Inventory of existing web sites and data systems that provide habitat data

    - Identify potential overlaps or duplication
    - Identify unique features or capabilities
    - Identify "best practices" features or capabilities

3. Inventory of existing habitat information sources

4. ISSUE: What is the need for a standard habitat classification system? What are the candidates for this system (e.g., CMECS)

5. Evaluate map interfaces?
    o ARC IMS
    o ESRI GIS Server 9.2
    o Google Map

6. Should the system be "map centric" – not everything has to be spatial data

7. Support for metadata training

8. Development of metadata standard

9. Support for metadata development (e.g., a person in each state)

10. Support for an overall GoMex Habitat I&C Coordinator

11. Formation of local advisory/governance groups – Integrated Production Teams (IPT)

12. ISSUE: Should PHINS be built from scratch or be built on top of one or more existing systems

13. Coordination with GoMex Alliance Education Theme

14. Form a GoMex Marine Mapping User Group (MMUG)

15. Identification of funding opportunities

16. ISSUE: How can we "shape" or guide proposals for funding opportunities

17. ISSUE: Is there a need for a consistent spatial framework

18. Conduct a Gap analyses

19. Identify needs for habitat data collection